In the Specification

Please amend the title of the International Patent Application to read as follows:

PHOSPHORYLATED DEXTRANS

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, above line 5 after the Title:

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP03/09324, filed July 23, 2003; which claims priority to Japanese Application Nos. 2002-213305, filed July 23, 2002 and 2003-050739, filed February 27, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph at Page 7, lines 33-37 with the following:

Examples of excipients include lactose, cornstarch, white sugar, glucose, sorbitol, plasma cellulose, and such. Examples of binders include polyvinyl gum arabia, tragacanth, gelatin, shellac, hydroxypropyl[[,]] cellulose, hydroxypropyl starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and such.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 19 through page 24, line 9 with the following:

Th1 and Th2 immune responses are inhibitory to each other. A shift in this Th1/Th2 balance toward Th2 is thought to lead to allergic diseases, while a shift toward Th1 is thought to cause inflammatory reactions, such as colitis. Anti-viral activity as well as various immunomodulating functions are expected as a physiological function of IFN-γ. Steidler *et al.* have reported the significant improvement of inflammatory reactions in colitis

model mice on the oral administration of *Lactococcus lactis ssp. lactis* expressing IL-10, which has a therapeutic effect on colitis (Steidler, L., Hans, W., Schotte, L., Neirynck, S., Obermeier, F., Falk, W., Fiers, W. and Remaut, E. "Treatment of murine colitis by *Lactococcus lactis* secreting interleukin-10". Science, 289, 1352-1355 (2000)).

Please replace the paragraph at Page 25, lines 18-21 with the following:

As a result, the phosphorus content showed high values at 140°C and 160°C (Fig. 11). Though some degree of sample browning was observed at 160°C, the optimal heating ~~time~~ temperature, where the introduction rate of phosphate group exceeded 5%, was thought to be 140-160°C.